

TRANSPORTATION ASSET MANAGEMENT COUNCIL **QUARTERLY REPORT**

January-March 2003

- **Work Program**: The Council, in accordance with the provisions of Act 499 of 2002, approved and sent to the State Transportation Commission, a Work Program outlining the major activities to be undertaken over the course of the next couple of years. The State Transportation Commission approved the document at their February 27, 2003 meeting. The Work Program was finalized and copies were sent to all regional planning agencies/MPOs, Council parent agencies, and key stakeholders. The Work Program was disseminated by email with no direct printing costs incurred. Copies of the Work Program can be obtained through the Council's website at:
www.michigan.gov/mdot/0,1607,7-151-9623_10697_22810---,00.html
- **Website**: The Council has established a website where interested parties can review Act 499 of 2002; minutes of meetings; bios of Council members; the Work Program; results of the "pilot project;" and other information pertinent to the Council's activities. The website will provide the principal means of disseminating information to constituent groups and key stakeholders.
- **Draft Annual Report**: The Council is required by Act 499 to submit to the Legislature and the State Transportation Commission an Annual Report by May 2. The draft of the first report has been prepared and submitted to the Council for their review and comment. When approved by the Council the report will be available on the website.
- **Survey of Road Agencies**: During the month of March the Council has worked cooperatively with the County Road Association of Michigan and the Michigan Municipal League to survey existing road agencies. The survey is intended to provide the Council with information regarding the extent and degree of the use of pavement management systems throughout the various road agencies in Michigan. The results of the survey will be presented to the Council at their April meeting.
- **Coordinating Activities with RPAs/MPOs**: Act 499 requires that the regional planning agencies and metropolitan planning organizations provide "technical assistance" to the Council. Throughout the course of the Council's meetings this assistance has begun to evolve in the form of a "coordinating" role regarding the collection of road condition data and projects for the Multi-Year Program. Council members and staff have been meeting with the board of directors of both groups to discuss the specific work items and to begin developing amendments to their current contracts.

- **“Pilot Project”**: During 2001 and 2002, the County Road Association of Michigan, the Michigan Department of Transportation, and several regional planning agencies conducted a “pilot project” to test various concepts of asset management. Thirteen counties in total were used in the pilot. The results of the tests are provided on the Council’s website. While the Council had no direct input into the development or conduct of the project, they assumed oversight jurisdiction in November of 2002. The “Pilot Project” was reviewed by the Council. The objectives of the project were achieved and it served the purpose for which it was intended. After receiving a final overview of the results of the pilot, the Council determined that this project was finished.
- **Key Decisions**: The Council has made two key decisions with respect to the collection of road and bridge condition data. With regards to rating the condition of the bridges on the federal-aid eligible roads, the data to be collected will be the National Bridge Inventory. With regards to rating the condition of the road surface, the Council will use the Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating (PASER) method. Over the course of the next several years, the Council will compare the PASER ratings with other indices to determine the extent to which PASER correlates with other methods being used.
- **Presentations**: During the last 3 months, the Council has received presentations on the following issues:
 - **“Pilot Project”** from Dave Gillis (Central Upper Peninsula Planning and Development) and Rick Lilly (MDOT).
 - **Framework GIS** from Rob Surber and Eric Swanson from the Michigan Center for Geographic Information.
 - **National Functional Classification** from Susan Berquist (MDOT).These presentations will be available on the Council's website in the near future.